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AN AMERICAN GIRL TO RANK NEXT TO THE QUEEN IN RULING THE INDIAN EMPIRE



THE HON. MRS
GEORGE CURZON
NEL LEITER



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THE GREAT PALACE IN CALCUTTA.

THE DAZZLING IMPERIAL CAREER THAT
LIES BEFORE BEAUTIFUL MARY LEITER,
WHOSE HUSBAND WILL BE RAISED
TO THE PEERAGE AND SENT OUT
WITH HIS WIFE TO ENJOY THE
MOST POWERFUL AND SPLEN-
DID COLONIAL POSITION THE
BRITISH CROWN CAN GIVE.

MRS. GEORGE N. CURZON, an American, will shortly be the next woman in rank to Queen Victoria throughout the whole British Empire.

Her husband is to be appointed Viceroy of India. Mrs. Curzon was Miss Mary Leiter, of Chicago and Washington, and a sister of Joe Leiter of wheat fame.

She will rule over 300,000,000 subjects. She will have palaces and a court more splendid than Queen Victoria herself.

Her husband will have a salary six times that of the President of the United States. Unlike Queen Victoria, he will actually govern his subjects. His wife will share his power. She will uphold the prestige of American womanhood.

It is pretty safe to say that Mr. Curzon owes his good fortune largely to his charming American wife. England is very anxious to please Americans and promote friendly relations with us.



An American girl now holds a rank in the husband, the Right Honorable George Curzon, has been appointed only second to that of Viceroy and Governor General of India.

She is Mrs. George N. Curzon, and was formerly Mary Victoria Leiter. Her father is the famous Chicago millionaire.

fish Government. Unlike the Queen, he actually governs his subjects. He has the pomp of sovereignty and the power as well. He is monarch and government in one.

As the Queen is Empress of India, it would be more correct to call her representative the Vice-Emperor. His wife is commonly spoken of as the Vice-queen. It would be more correct to style her the Vice-Empress.

The Viceroy of India receives a salary of \$100,000 a year. His allowances for expenses amount to \$200,000 a year. Thus he receives altogether six times as much as the President of the United States. He has an immense list of highly paid subordinates, civil and military.

The Viceroy's duties are largely social and personal. He has to impress the native princes and people with the majesty and power of Britain. In these duties the Viceroy has a great and in many cases the more important part.

Mrs. Curzon will appear as a great sovereign before the millions of India. A beautiful, brilliant and talented American girl, she is peculiarly fitted to teach the benighted Hindus how great a power a woman may wield.

The Viceroy of India has splendid palaces at Calcutta and Simla. The Calcutta palace is known as Government House, and is the largest official residence in the British Empire, exceeding in size any of Queen Victoria's palaces. The Simla palace is a large

and beautiful place in the mountains, intended for use in the Summer months when life in Calcutta becomes unbearable.

The court of India over which Mrs. Curzon will rule is far more splendid and ceremonious than that of England. This is absolutely necessary in order to impress the natives and the semi-independent princes, who still form a very important element in the Indian Empire.

The Hindus would not appreciate a court which did not resemble in certain respects the most gorgeous native courts of which they have any memory.

When the Viceroy receives at Government House he wears a uniform heavy with gold lace and sits upon a throne. His wife, beside him, on another throne, wears royal robes, covered with diamonds and priceless jewels, and a crown upon her head.

Great as the Viceroy's salary is it is insufficient to meet the needs of his office. Some of the richest peers in England have exhausted their private fortunes in maintaining the viceregal state. The fortune of Mr. L. Z. Leiter, of Chicago, will doubtless be required ere long to assist in upholding the glories of India's court.

The customary receptions at the viceregal court are magnificent, but they pale into insignificance beside the functions called durbars, at which the Viceroy enters into negotiations with native princes or makes proclamations

to the people. The greatest durbar of recent years was that at which Lord Lytton announced to the people of India the assumption by Queen Victoria of the title of Empress of India.

The Right Honorable George Nathaniel Curzon, P. C., J. P., D. L., et cetera, et cetera, who is to be raised to the highest rank under the Queen in the British Empire, is the eldest son and heir of Lord Scarsdale.

Although he would in any case inherit a title from his father, he will be created a nobleman before he proceeds to India as Viceroy. It is probable that he will be made an Earl.

Mr. Curzon is at present Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in the British Government. In this capacity he answers all questions relating to England's foreign policy which may be asked in the House of Commons. His chief, the Marquis of Salisbury, sits in the House of Lords.

Mr. Curzon is the only official who has authority to address the House of Commons, which really rules England, on foreign affairs. His position is therefore of the greatest importance.

He is a man of very vigorous and aggressive personality. He expresses very strong opinions on matters of foreign policy. He is an ardent advocate of the greatest possible extension of the British Empire.

He is thirty-nine years old, which is considered very young for a man hold-

ing so high a rank as he does in British politics. He looks even younger than he is, being tall, slim, fair-haired and red-cheeked.

Mr. Curzon is famous for the neatness of his dress and person and the precision of his speech. This is noticeable even in a country where public men do not disregard the care of the person. Mr. Curzon is no dude, but his clothes, his hair, his finger nails and his shoes are always in irreproachable order.

It had for several years been considered probable that Mr. Curzon would eventually be a Conservative Prime Minister of England. What effect his appointment as Viceroy of India will have on this probability belongs to the history of the future.

The most important event in Mr. Curzon's life was his marriage, in 1895, to Miss Mary Victoria Leiter, eldest daughter of Levi Z. Leiter, of Washington and Chicago.

Miss Leiter was one of three beautiful sisters, the other two being Nannie and Daisy. Her brother, Joseph, has recently enjoyed a wide and unfavorable notoriety for his attempt and failure to corner the wheat market.

Levi Z. Leiter made a vast fortune in combination with Marshall Field, of Chicago. Then, from a typical hard-working business man, he became a butterfly of society, fashion and sport. New York society did not welcome him

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